

OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

12th December 2005

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Harrington (Chair) and Councillor Lane.

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Hood.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Bladen (Vice-Chair) (Conservative Group) and Murphy (Labour Group).

OV/17. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st October 2005 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

OV/18. **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND REPORTS**

Councillor Harrington distributed a copy of a report entitled 'Derbyshire County Council Street Scene Review'. The report provided details of a meeting held with Officers of Derbyshire County Council with regard to a review of the street scene that is currently being undertaken by its Improvement and Scrutiny Committee. South Derbyshire District Council representatives had been invited to take part in this meeting, to discuss the potential for this Council to participate in the County Review. It was agreed that a discussion document be submitted to the Environmental and Development Services Committee on the scope of this possible project, the nature of the review and how the Committee would like to contribute to the review process.

OV/19. **SHELTERED HOUSING**

A Gantt Chart had been circulated prior to the Meeting on the Sheltered Housing Vision and Standards, showing the proposed programme for six areas of work. The Head of Housing Services provided background and explained that the Chart provided an overview. He touched on the work undertaken including reports to the Policy Committee and an outline was also given about financial issues. Members discussed the proposed programme. The Head of Policy and Economic Regeneration explained that feedback would be required from Overview to the Policy Committee. The Chair confirmed the role of the Chart relating to Overview Committee. He sought further information on the section of the Chart relating to de-classifying some of the Sheltered Housing Stock, which was duly provided. It was noted that various parts of the programme were interlinked. Officers confirmed increases to the housing waiting lists in recent months.

OV/20. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Head of Policy and Economic Regeneration summarised the items that each Committee was currently covering:-

- IEG Funding (E-Government) - Overview Committee
- Member Champions - joint project involving with both the Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committees
- Sheltered Housing and “Street Scene” - Community Scrutiny Committee
- Budget (Performance Linked) – Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Information on the Member Champions project would need to be circulated to Members of both Scrutiny Committees. The project would then be considered at the next Overview Committee so terms of reference could be agreed. In addition, the Director of Corporate Services would be asked to provide further information to the Overview Committee about the E-Government project.

It was agreed that an additional Scrutiny ‘away day’ was required to discuss further Scrutiny issues. The dates proposed were 30th January 2006 or possibly 6th February 2006.

OV/21. **SCRUTINY VISIT**

It was requested that the Democratic Services Assistant seek to contact Members to finalise details for the Scrutiny Committees’ visit to Derbyshire County Council on 4th January 2006.

K. HARRINGTON

CHAIR

The Meeting closed at 4.55 p.m.